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Supplemental Response to Office Action

REMARKS

This response to office action is supplemental to the response to office action dated December 18, 2007. Applicants thank Examiner Bachman for the courtesy extended during the interview of January 24, 2008 with applicants' attorney, Fred Hernandez. In response to the interview, Applicants have amended claim 1. Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

The following remarks are in addition to the remarks provided in the response dated December 18, 2007.

Statement of the Substance Of Interview

In the interview, Applicant's attorney discussed the amendments to claims 1 and 43 that were presented in the response to office action dated December 18, 2007.

Rejection of Claims 1, 8-10, 12, and 14-18 under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 8-10, 12, and 14-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Oz (U.S. Patent 6,269,819). Applicants have amended claim 1 to more distinctly recite pre-existing features of the invention, and respectfully traverse as follows.

Amended claim 1 recites a system for modifying a valve in a patient's heart to reduce regurgitation which includes, among other features, a catheter and a stabilization structure attached to the catheter, wherein the stabilization structure couples to a cardiac structure to lessen relative motion between the catheter and the cardiac structure. Oz fails to teach or suggest a stabilization structure attached to the catheter, wherein the stabilization structure couples to a cardiac structure to lessen relative motion between the catheter and the cardiac structure.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1. Claims 8-10, 12, and 14-18 all depend from claim 1 and include all of the features of the base claim plus additional features. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 8-10, 12, and 14-18 be withdrawn for at least the reasons provided in traversing the rejection of claim 1.

New Claims

Claims 62-65 are new and depend directly or indirectly from claim 1. Oz fails to teach or suggest the features of claims 62-65. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 62-65.

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Conclusion

The above is believed to be a complete response. In view of the amendments and remarks herein, Applicants believe that all claims are now in condition for allowance and ask that these pending claims be allowed. The foregoing comments made with respect to the positions taken by the Examiner are not to be construed as acquiescence with other positions of the Examiner that have not been explicitly contested. Accordingly, the arguments for patentability of a claim should not be construed as implying that there are not other valid reasons for patentability of that claim or other claims. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to resolve any remaining issues and/or informalities and expedite prosecution of this case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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